

March 30, 2012

Dear Dr. Sudakin,

This letter is in support of the renewal and proposed activities of Oregon State University's Superfund Research Program (SRP). As the manager of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site clean up for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), I am enthusiastic about the important research conducted on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and your focus on relevant Superfund related issues. I've also appreciated past stakeholder meetings hosted by your Research Translation Core (RTC) and the opportunity to provide feedback on future research directions and needs.

As you are aware, Portland Harbor is a high profile and complex Superfund site, with widespread persistent pollutants from multiple sources. DEQ has identified PAHs as a contaminant of concern in sediment and at some upland locations, presenting hazards to both people and the environment. PAHs present numerous challenges including analytical limitations, monitoring considerations and various perspectives on exposure and risk. In addition, the harbor is used recreationally by diverse communities, highlighting the continuing need for outreach and the development of novel educational materials.

I look forward to future collaborations with the RTC and scientists with your Center.

Best Regards,

Signature

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